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AMENDMENT & RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 4, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the specification are reflected on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.